

### **REMARKS**

In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, Applicants respectfully request reexamination of the present application.

Applicants note that the foregoing claim amendments reflect that the amendments submitted on December 4, 2006 in the response to the Final Office Action have already been entered, as stated by the Examiner in the Advisory Action.

Claims 167, 169, 172, 173, 175, 179-181, 192 and 208 have been amended, Claims 168, 174, 176-178, 193-194, 209-210 and 218-222 have been cancelled and no claims have been added. Upon entry of these amendments, Claims 167, 169, 172-173, 175, 179-185, 188-192, 195-208, 211-216, 223-228, 232-233 and 235-236 remain pending.

In the Advisory Action mailed on December 22, 2006, the Examiner indicated that Claims 223-228, 232 and 235 would be allowable if submitted in a timely-filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claims. The Examiner also indicated that Claims 176, 192 and 208 are objected to.

Therefore, Applicants have amended the application to place the application in condition for allowance. Independent Claim 167 has been amended to insert the limitation of Claim 176, including intervening Claims 168 and 174. Dependent Claims 169, 172, 173, 175, 179-181, 192 and 208 have been amended to be consistent with the amendment to Claim 167 and the cancellation of Claim 168. Therefore, it is submitted that independent Claim 167 is allowable, as are dependent Claims 167, 169, 172-173, 175, 179-185, 188-192, 195-208, 211-216, 233 and 236, which depend upon Claim 167. Independent Claim 218 and dependent Claims 219-222 have been canceled.

It is not believed that any additional fees are due with respect to this filing; however please debit any necessary additional fees to Deposit Account No. 50-1419.

Applicants believe that all pending claims are in condition for allowance and such disposition is respectfully requested. In the event that a telephone conversation would further prosecute and or expedite allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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